

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jian Qin et al.  
Application Serial No.: 10/631,916  
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Examiner: CHAPMAN, Ginger T.  
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For: **ABSORBENT MATERIALS AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES  
INCORPORATING SUCH ABSORBENT MATERIALS**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated August 1, 2007, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the following single disclosed species for each component as requested in the Office Action dated August 1, 2007 and a listing of all claims readable thereon as follows:

Species 1, anionic polymers, is alkali metal of poly(acrylic acid) and a listing of all claims readable thereon include claims 14-25 and 40;

Species 2, cationic polymers, is polyvinyl amine and a listing of all claims readable thereon include claims 14-25 and 40;

Species A, polymeric coating selected from the group of cationic polymers is polyvinyl amine and a listing of all claims readable thereon include claims 14-25 and 40; and

Species B, polymeric coating selected from the group of anionic polymers is alkali metal of poly(acrylic acid) and a listing of all claims readable thereon include claims 14-25 and 40.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions arise.

**The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 502190 for a one-month extension of time. If any additional fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

Respectfully submitted,

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